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A new gene in the Ras family that is induced by IL-9, thereby providing a therapeutic target in IL-9 mediated development of atopic allergy, asthma-related disorders and certain lymphomas or leukemias. A method for the identification and use of small molecule inhibitors of Ras to treat these disorders. A method for diagnosing susceptibility to, and assessing treatment of atopic allergy, asthma-related disorders and certain lymphomas and leukemias by measuring the level of Ras in biologic samples using antibody specific for the Ras protein.